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MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Re: Application of Yoshinori HARADA, Shuzo MIZUTANI, Shinkichi HASHIMOTO, Massakazu KUDOH, Naoki MIURA, Katsufumi TAKAHASHI, and Hideki KIYOHARA,
HIGHLY DURABLE SILICA GLASS, PROCESS AND APPARATUS FOR PRODUCING SAME, AND HIGHLY DURABLE SILICA GLASS MEMBER AND APPARATUS PROVIDED WITH SAME
Assignee: TOSOH CORPORATION, TOSOH QUARTZ CORPORATION, TOSOH SGM CORPORATION
Our Ref: Q78650

Dear Sir:

This is a request for a Divisional Application of pending prior Application No. 10/105,270 (Confirmation No.5256) filed March 26, 2002 of YoshinoriHARADA, Shuzo MIZUTANI, Shinkichi HASHIMOTO, Massakazu KUDOH, Naoki MIURA, Katsufumi TAKAHASHI, and Hideki KIYOHARA, entitled HIGHLY DURABLE SILICA GLASS, PROCESS AND APPARATUS FOR PRODUCING SAME, AND HIGHLY DURABLE SILICA GLASS MEMBER AND APPARATUS PROVIDED WITH SAME.

This application is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b). Enclosed is a specification(47 pages), including the claims and abstract, 6 sheets of drawings, and a copy of the Declaration as filed in the prior application.

The prior application is assigned to Group Art Unit 1755.

The entire disclosure of the prior parent application, application number 10/105,270, filed March 26, 2002, is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying divisional application and is hereby incorporated by reference.

Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
Japan	2001-166311	June 1, 2001
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Japan	2001-087082	March 26, 2001

The priority document(s) were filed in parent Application No. 10/105,270.

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A Petition and payment for an extension of time is being filed concurrently herewith in Application No. 10/105,270. The application is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,

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